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Item 1
Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the second regular session 2008 and agree on the work plan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2008. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report reflects the comments received.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a draft work plan for 2009 is being submitted to the Executive Board. The document will be finalized by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and will be submitted to the Board for adoption at its first regular session 2009.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan (DP/2008/L.3)

Report on the annual session 2008 (DP/2008/37)

Decisions adopted during the annual session 2008 (DP/2008/38)

Draft work plan for 2009 (DP/2008/CRP.4)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The report on the annual review of the financial situation, building on the financial information provided to the Executive Board throughout the year, undertakes a comprehensive review and analysis, from the financial perspective, of UNDP activities at the global and aggregate levels. The overview assesses the performance of the organization against the various sources for programming: regular resources, other resources and UNDP-administered funds. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

In accordance with Governing Council decision 81/34, the Administrator is required to present, on an annual basis, a report on the technical cooperation information of the entire United Nations system. Its purpose is to examine regular and extrabudgetary expenditure financed from sources other than UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, and contributions received to finance technical cooperation activities, as well as to examine the expenditures and contributions data reported by the four organizations. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

The Board will also have before it for information the statistical report of IAPSO, which provides consolidated statistics on United Nations system procurement for 2006.

The Executive Board will have before it proposed amendments to UNDP financial regulation 23.01 and rule 123.01 (a) regarding ex-gratia payments. Proposed amendments were shared with internal and external auditors, who expressed no

objection to the changes. The Board will also have before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the subject. The Board may wish to approve the proposed amendments.

In addition, the Board will have before it an update on the activities of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office for the biennium 2006-2007.

The report on the role of UNDP in the changing aid environment at the country level is submitted in accordance with decision 2008/24 and contains the information requested by the decision. The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

In accordance with decisions 2008/1 and 2008/2, there will be a briefing on the steps taken and progress achieved on budget-related issues.

Documentation:

Annual review of the financial situation, 2007 (DP/2008/39)

Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2007 (DP/2008/39/Add.1)

Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures 2007 (DP/2008/40)

Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures 2007 – Addendum (DP/2008/40/Add.1)

Revision of UNDP financial regulations (DP/2008/41)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the amendment of the UNDP financial regulations regarding direct budget support, pooled funds and ex-gratia payments (DP/2008/42)
Report of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office for the biennium 2006-2007 (DP/2008/43)

UNDP role in the changing aid environment at country level (follow-up to decision 2008/24) (DP/2008/53)

Item 3
Evaluation

In its decision 2007/24, the Executive Board approved the 2007-2008 programme of work for the Evaluation Office, including the conduct of the evaluation of the third global cooperation framework of UNDP. The report sets out the findings of the evaluation, which assessed the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the third global cooperation framework, covering the period 2005-2007. The evaluation will be accompanied by the UNDP management response.

In its decision 2006/19, the Executive Board approved the 2006-2007 programme of work for the Evaluation Office, including the conduct of the evaluation of the role of UNDP in and contribution to the environment and energy. The report sets out the findings of the evaluation, which assessed the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNDP work at the global, regional and national levels,

focusing mainly on the period 2002-2007. The evaluation will be accompanied by the UNDP management response.

In response to Executive Board decision 2008/17, the Board will also have before it additional information on the programme of work for the Evaluation Office for 2008-2009.

Documentation:

Evaluation of the third global cooperation framework (DP/2008/44)

Management response to the evaluation of the UNDP third global cooperation framework (DP/2008/45)

Evaluation of the role and contribution of UNDP in the environment and energy (DP/2008/46)

Management response to the evaluation of the role and contribution of UNDP in the environment and energy (DP/2008/47)

Additional information on the programme of work for the Evaluation Office for 2008-2009 (DP/2008/49)

Item 4
Country programmes and related matters

The UNDP global programme, 2009-2011, is designed to streamline policy approaches of UNDP across its mandated areas and facilitate two-way communication between local and global actors. It will play a vital role in the implementation of the UNDP strategic plan – strengthening the ability of country offices to respond quickly and effectively while using global engagement to identify opportunities, resources and innovations that can help countries address multi-faceted development challenges. The programme being presented builds on the recommendations of the evaluation of the third global cooperation framework, and reflects issues raised in broad-based consultations, including with members of the Executive Board and development partners. The Board may wish to approve the global programme.

Under this item, the Board will also be asked to: (a) approve a second one-year extension of the country programme for Burundi and a third one-year extension of the country programme for Lebanon; and (b) comment on the draft country programme documents, submitted under this agenda item, prior to their finalization.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Benin, Mauritius, Nigeria;

Arab States region: Sudan.

UNDP will also present an oral briefing on its response to the humanitarian emergency created by Cyclone Nargis, which hit Myanmar on 2-3 May 2008. UNDP will inform

the Executive Board of the proposed timeframe for undertaking the 2008 Independent Assessment Mission and for presenting its findings to the Board, which activities had to be postponed in view of the situation in Myanmar.

Documentation:

UNDP global programme, 2009-2011 (DP/GP/2)

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2008/48)

Draft country programme document for Angola (DP/DCP/AGO/2)

Draft country programme document for Côte d'Ivoire (DP/DCP/CIV/1)

Draft country programme document for Kenya (DP/DCP/KEN/1)

Draft country programme document for Mauritania (DP/DCP/MRT/1)

Draft country programme document for Niger (DP/DCP/NER/1)

Draft country programme document for the Republic of the Congo (DP/DCP/COG/1)

Draft country programme document for Timor-Leste (DP/DCP/TLS/1)

Draft country programme document for Haiti (DP/DCP/HTI/1)

Draft country programme document for Venezuela (DP/DCP/VEN/1)

Item 5
United Nations Office for Project Services

The report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2004-2005, provides an overview of the current status regarding the recommendations for the 2004-2005 biennium and a summary of the management plan that addresses those recommendations, including actions yet to be fully implemented.

As decided by the Executive Board in its decision 2007/38, as of this year UNOPS will submit the annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations.

In accordance with decision 2008/20, UNOPS will also present a report on its governance structure.

Documentation:

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2004-2005 (DP/2008/50)

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations (DP/2008/51)

UNOPS governance structure (DP/2008/52)

Item 6
South-South cooperation

The fourth cooperation framework for South-South cooperation contains proposals on initiatives that the Special Unit seeks to support under the next cooperation framework in three areas: (a) promotion of South-South cooperation as a viable strategy for the South to pursue inclusive globalization; (b) mobilization of Southern expertise and Millennium Development Goals-based solutions for mutual learning; and (c) scaling up the impact of South-South cooperation on achieving internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals. It incorporates responses to suggestions made by the Executive Board at the annual session 2008.

The Board may wish to approve the fourth cooperation framework for South-South cooperation.

Documentation:

Fourth cooperation framework for South-South cooperation (DP/CF/SSC/4/Rev.1)

UNFPA segment

Item 7
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Executive Board will have before it proposed amendments to UNFPA Financial Regulation 14.5 related to the ex gratia payments and the corresponding Financial Rule 114.9. The amendments are proposed to enable UNFPA to deal with the necessary requirements of ex gratia payments and to harmonize with other United Nations organizations.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and approve the amendment to UNFPA Financial Regulation 14.5 and take note of the corresponding amendment to Financial Rule 114.9.

Documentation:

Revision of Financial Regulations (DP/FPA/2008/15)

Item 8
Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will have before it a one-year extension of the country programme for Lebanon.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the third one-year extension of the country programme for Lebanon.

The Executive Board will also have before it for discussion seven draft country programme documents for Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Mauritania in the Africa region; Timor-Leste in the Asia and the Pacific region; and Haiti and Venezuela in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the seven draft country programme documents and the comments made thereon.

Also, the country programmes discussed by the Executive Board at the annual session 2008, in accordance with decision 2006/36, would be approved by the Executive Board on a no-objection basis, without discussion or presentation, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board. The country programmes for approval by the Board at the Second regular session 2008 are for: Benin, Republic of the Congo, Niger, Nigeria and the Sudan.

Documentation:

Extension of the country programme for Lebanon (third one-year extension) (DP/FPA/2008/12)

Draft country programme documents

Africa

Draft country programme document for Angola (DP/FPA/DCP/AGO/6)

Draft country programme document for Côte d'Ivoire (DP/FPA/DCP/CIV/6)

Draft country programme document for Kenya (DP/FPA/DCP/KEN/7)

Draft country programme document for Mauritania (DP/FPA/DCP/MRT/6)

Asia and the Pacific

Draft country programme document for Timor-Leste (DP/FPA/DCP/TLS/2)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Draft country programme document for Haiti (DP/FPA/DCP/HTI/4)

Draft country programme document for Venezuela (DP/FPA/DCP/VEN/2)

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 9
Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

Under this item the Executive Board will have before it a joint UNDP and UNFPA report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. The report focuses on UNDP and UNFPA follow-up to decisions from

the 21st and 22nd meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board, held in December 2007 and April 2008, respectively. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2008/54 –DP/FPA/2008/13).

Item 10
Internal audit and oversight

In response to decisions 2008/8 and 2007/29 and following extensive consultations with the Executive Board, the Executive Board will have before it the UNDP accountability system which includes (a) an accountability framework, and (b) an oversight policy.

In accordance with decision 2008/13, the Board will also have before it the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) accountability framework and oversight policy for consideration and approval.

In response to decision 2007/29 and the oral decision of the Executive Board adopted at the first regular session 2008 (see decision 2008/8) and following extensive consultations with the Executive Board and taking into account the concerns of Member States, the Executive Board will also have before it the UNFPA oversight policy, which aims to strengthen UNFPA accountability, risk management and assurance processes. While establishing basic principles, the policy also defines (as requested in decision 2007/29) specific terms and concepts, including accountability and transparency, as well as modalities of disclosure and confidentiality in the management of the operational activities of UNFPA. UNFPA has worked closely with UNDP and UNOPS in harmonizing, inter alia, key terms, definitions and concepts. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and approve the UNFPA oversight policy contained therein.

Documentation:

UNDP accountability system (accountability framework and oversight policy) (DP/2008/16/Rev.1)

UNOPS accountability framework and oversight policies (DP/2008/55)

Report on the UNFPA oversight policy (DP/FPA/2008/14)

Item 11
Other matters

TENTATIVE WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2008
(8 to 12 September 2008, New York)

Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 8 September	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session • Adoption of the report on the annual session 2008
			UNFPA segment
			STATEMENT BY UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		7	UNFPA: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
	3 - 4 p.m.	7	UNFPA: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
	4 - 6 p.m.	8	UNFPA: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of country programmes • Extension of country programmes • Draft country programme documents
Tuesday, 9 September	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment**
			STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Annual review of the financial situation, 2007 • Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures, 2007 • Revision of UNDP financial regulations • Report of the ACABQ on the revision of UNDP financial regulations • Report of IAPSO for the biennium 2006-2007 • UNDP role in the changing aid environment at country level • Briefing on budget-related issues (decisions 2008/1 and 2008/2)
	3 - 4 p.m.	2	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
	4 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*
			Informal consultations on draft decisions
Wednesday, 10 September	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		**Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment**
		10	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT • UNDP accountability system (accountability framework and oversight policy) • UNFPA oversight policy • UNOPS accountability framework and oversight policy
		9	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING • Joint UNDP/UNFPA report on follow-up to recommendations of the PCB meeting
	3 - 5 p.m.		**UNDP segment (cont'd)**
		3	EVALUATION • Evaluation of the UNDP global cooperation framework and management response • Evaluation of UNDP's role in and contribution to managing environment and energy for sustainable development and management response • Programme of work of the Evaluation Office
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 11 September	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	4	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of country programmes • Draft global programme document • Draft country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes • Assistance to Myanmar

	3 – 5 p.m.	5	UNOPS • Status report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2004-2005 • Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations • Report on UNOPS governance structure
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 12 September	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	6	SOUTH_SOUTH COOPERATION • Fourth cooperation framework for South-South cooperation
	3 - 4 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
	4 - 6 p.m.	11	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Draft work plan for 2009 • Tentative work plan for the first regular session 2009